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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am very tired of the baseless, and seemingly endless, lawsuit against Microsoft, and am writing to plead for closure. I am not merely writing because I am a strong supporter of Microsoft, but also because despite the unfair way that Microsoft has been treated, I have still managed to muster a level of confidence in my government. I trust that my voice will not go unheard and that my opinion will count toward the prompt resolution of this matter.

I have a very difficult time understanding why there is still such intense opposition against Microsoft. Over the years, Microsoft has proven itself a leader in the industry. This company's innovation is seen in almost every corner of the globe. I have used Microsoft products for several years and I have no intention to shift my loyalty from the company. I find their software affordable and user-friendly.

In addition to that, I have been thoroughly impressed with the way Microsoft has handled the requirements of the settlement. They have established a Technical Committee to assist with conflict resolution; they have also made it easier for competitors to access Microsoft features; and have given computer makers the flexibility to configure Windows in order to promote non-Microsoft software.

It is fair to say that Microsoft has not only been an industry leader, but a booster of the economy in past few years. They have recently proven their diplomacy in the way the handled this lawsuit and settlement. I am sure that they are looking forward to the end of this matter as are the majority of the American people.

Sincerely,

Gordon Stamler

cc: Senator Strom Thurmond